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To: Director, Office of Protected Resources
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Subj: MODIFICATION TO THE APPLICATION FOR RENEWALS OF LETTERS OF
AUTHORIZATION FOR THE TAKING OF MARINE MAMMALS INCIDENTAL TO
THE OPERATION OF SURTASS LFA SONAR ONBOARD R/V *CORY CHOUEST*
AND USNS IMPECCABLE (T-AGOS 23) UNDER NMFS FINAL RULE (50 CFR
216 SUBPART Q)

Ref: (a) Application (Version 2) for the Renewals of Letters of
Authorization for the Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to
the Operation of SURTASS LFA Sonar Onboard R/V *Cory Chouest*
and USNS Impeccable (T-AGOS 23), March 31, 2005
(b) Final Rule: Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; Taking
Marine Mammals Incidental to Navy Operations of
Surveillance Towed Array Sensor System Low Frequency
Active Sonar (Fed. Reg. V67 N136, 16 July 2002)

Enc: (1) Court Order on the Amendment to the Stipulation Regarding
the Permanent Injunction, 08 July 2005

1. The U.S. Navy is requesting a modification to The Application (Version 2) for the Renewals of Letters of Authorization for the Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to the Operation of SURTASS LFA Sonar Onboard R/V *Cory Chouest* and USNS Impeccable (T-AGOS 23), in accordance with Attachment (1), Court Order on the Amendment to the Stipulation Regarding the Permanent Injunction.

2. The point of contact for this effort is Mr. Joseph S. Johnson, who can be reached at (858) 537-8967.

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Enclosure (1)

**Court Order on the Amendment to the Stipulation Regarding the Permanent Injunction
for the Modification to the Application for Renewals of Letters of Authorization for the
Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to the Operation of SURTASS LFA Sonar
Onboard the R/V *Cory Chouest* and USNS IMPECCABLE (TAGOS-23) Under NMFS
Final Rule (50 CFR 216 Subpart Q)**